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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES TAKE OVER WCRP VESSEL ROLAND

REF: (A) KUALA LUMPUR 1627 (B) SINGAPORE 0778

1. CONOFF RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL MARCH 18 FROM RICHARD PASCOE, AMCIT OWNER OF WCRP CHARTERED VESSEL ROLAND (REFTEL B), REPORTING THAT CREW HAD ABANDONED SHIP ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 17, AT KUALA TRENGGANU AFTER BEING ATTACKED BY REFUGEES WITH STICKS AND CLUBS. TWO MEMBERS OF THE CREW REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION. THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN KUALA TRENGGANU WAS NOTIFIED, BUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALLEGEDLY CHOSE TO IGNORE THE SITUATION. PASCOE INDICATED THAT ONLY FOOD REMAINING ON THE VESSEL WAS RICE. THE ROLAND HAS ABOUT 30 TONS OF FUEL ON BOARD, ENOUGH FOR ABOUT 20 DAYS SAILING. PASCOE SAID FUEL ON THE BARGE WAS NO LONGER USEABLE, BUT THAT 30 TONS ABOARD THE VESSEL COULD TAKE THE REFUGEES A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE SINCE THE VESSEL COULD TRAVEL 150 MILES A DAY ON A TON

AND A HALF OF FUEL.

2. JACK, IN MEETING WITH CONOFF ON MARCH 17, REPORTED THAT 88 REFUGEES HAD BEEN PERMITTED ASHORE AT KUALA TRENGGANU. AUSTRALIA ACCEPTED 74 OF THE GROUP, SWITZERLAND 13 AND HONG KONG ONE. THIS LEAVES APPROXIMATELY 200 REFUGEES ABOARD THE ROLAND.

3. JACK ALSO TOLD CONOFF WCRP VESSEL LEAP DAL WAS STILL LOCATED OFF COAST OF JOHORE ABOUT 20 MILES EAST OF CHANGI POINT (SINGAPORE). HE SAID HE HAD LEFT TWO PERSONS IN BANGKOK TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH RTG, BUT DID NOT SEEM TO BE VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WOULD LEAD TO FAVORABLE CONCLUSION.  
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